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REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 were pending in this application. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. Following entry of the amendments claims 1-18 will be pending and at issue.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to recite SEQ ID NO:342. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification as filed, e.g., at Table 14 on page 109. The amendments to the claims therefore add no new matter and entry is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (415) 875-2316.

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